Delay in Establishment of Oil Refinery at Paradip

8064. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been an inordinate delay in the establishment of an oil refinery at Paradip in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken to consider the proposal at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURE GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Indian Oil Corporation has in principle approval to set up a 6 MMTPA joint venture refinery in the East Coast. During the feasibility study, the refinery was proposed to be located at Daitari. However, exact location of the refinery will be decided based on Detailed Feasibility Report Govt has already accorded stage I clearance for the project.

Delivery of LPG Cylinders to Consumers

8065. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised the LPG refill sales ceiling of LPG distributors in the country;

(b) if so, details of such revised ceiling;

(c) whether Government have received a large number of complaints from consumers against forced sale of hot plates, supply of underweight LPG cylinders, etc.;

(d) whether Government propose to do away with the practice of inspecion by the staff of LPG distributors in case of release of new LPG connections to remove complaints of forced sale of hot plates;

(e) whether Government have issued instructions to distributors to ensure supply of refill LPG cylinders to working couples/consumers on days and timings desired by them; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. LPG refill sale ceiling has been revised as under:

Towns having population (Based on 1991 census)	Refill ceiling
1. Bombay	10000
2. Delhi	9000
3. Madras/Calcutta & towns having population of over 40 lakhs	8000
4. Towns with 20 to 40 lakhs	7000
5. Towns with 10 to 20 lakhs	6000
6. Towns upto 10 lakhs	5000